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1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED REF A WITH AMBASSADOR BRUCE WHO BELIEVES EFFORTS TO ELICIT FURTHER GREEK VIEWS PRIOR TO SUMMER BREAK ON GREEK ROLE IN NATO WOULD NOT BE SUPPORTED BY OTHER ALLIES. DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THAT, RATHER THAN FOLLOWING SCENARIO OUTLINED PARA 3 REF A (I.E., APPROACHING "SMALL GROUP" ALLIES, INCLUDING GREECE, TO SUGGEST NEED FOR FURTHER GREEK THINKING ON ITS NATO ROLE PRIOR TO AUGUST), MISSION TELL LUNS AND BELGIAN PERMREP DE STAERCKE THAT WE ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT GREECE INTENDS TO WAIT UNTIL THE FALL TO MAKE FURTHER MOVES ON CLARIFYING ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO, THAT WE ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO SUCH CLARIFICATION, AND THAT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO GET FURTHER AHEAD OF NATO NEGOTIATIONS. MISSION CAN ALSO CITE RATIONALE FOR OUR CONCERN AS OUTLINED IN REF A. WE SUGGEST MISSION ALSO FIND OCCASION TO MAKE SAME POINTS TO GREEK PERMREP.

2. FOR ATHENS: WE WELCOME SIGNS THAT GREEKS, INCLUDING CARAMANLIS, ARE FLEXIBLE ON TIMING OF ROUND III. WE SUGGEST THAT, IN SEEKING GREEK REACTIONS TO ALLIED COMMENTS IN

"SMALL GROUP" ON GREEK/NATO ROLE (REF B, PARA 8), EMBASSY UNDERSCORE OUR VIEW THAT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS NOT GET FAR AHEAD OF NATO NEGOTIATIONS FOR REASONS CITED REF A KISSINGER

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